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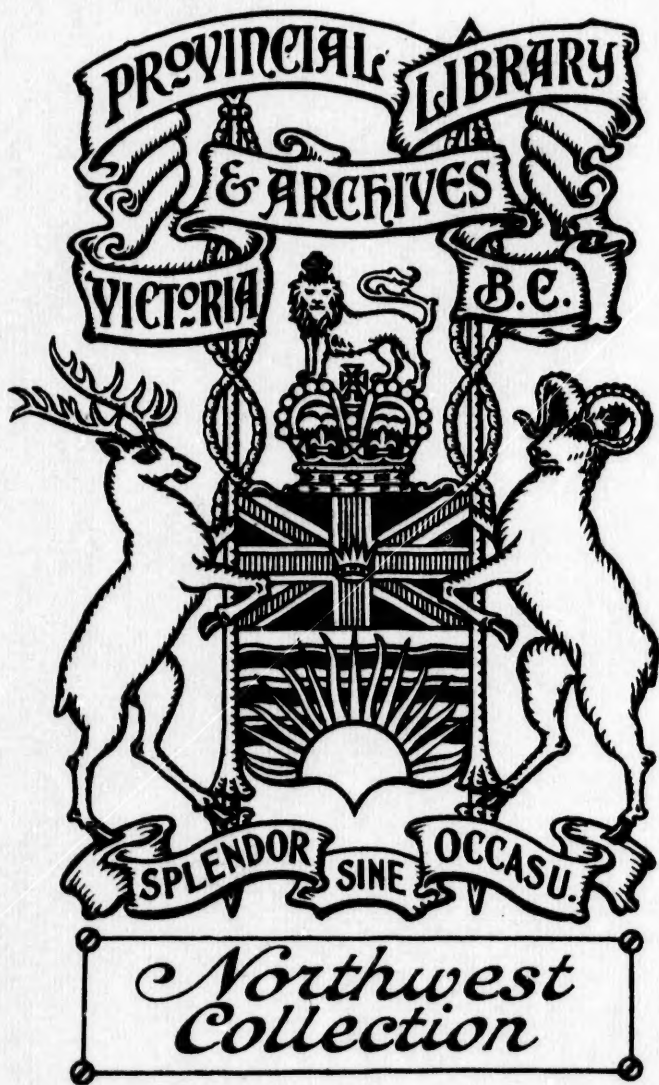
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes of last meeting.
3. Presentation of Communications.
4. Election to fill vacancies.
5. Nomination of Candidates for Membership.
6. Ballot for Candidates for Membership.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

Adopted April 17th, 1874.

Form of Application for Membership.

TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEER SOCIETY:—

Gentlemen,—I, A— B—, being desirous of becoming a Member of your Society, do hereby declare myself in good health, and to have arrived in British Columbia in the year 18

Proposed by—

(Signed)

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called and known
as "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEER SOCIE-
TY" It is designed to be, and is, a moral, Name
benevolent, literary, and scientific associa-
tion, and its objects are: To cultivate and
social intercourse, form a more perfect
union among its members, and create a
fund for charitable purposes in their objects
behalf; to collect and preserve information
connected with the early settlement and
subsequent history of the country; to of
form such libraries and cabinets, and
to pursue such literary and scientific
objects as the Board of Directors may from the
time to time determine, and in all
appropriate matters to advance the inter-
ests and perpetuate the memory of those Society.
whose sagacity, energy and enterprise,
induced them to settle in the wilderness
and become the founders of a new colony.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall be composed of two classes. To the First Class, all who were residents of British Columbia prior to the 31st day of December, 1858, and the male descendents of all such who were members, shall be eligible. To the Second Class, all who were residents of British Columbia prior to the 1st day of January, 1865, and the male descendents of all such who were members shall be eligible.

Honorary Members. Honorary members may be admitted without these qualifications, in accordance with such provisions as may be made in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III.

Any person duly qualified, desirous of becoming a member of this Society, shall be proposed and balloted for in a manner to be prescribed in the By-Laws, and any person who shall have been once balloted for and rejected, shall not again be proposed for membership within six months from the date of such rejection.

ARTICLE IV.

Each person, on admission, shall pay such fees as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws; and all funds arising therefrom, or from monthly dues, or from donations

(unless such donations are given for other specific purposes), shall, after the current expenses of the Society have been paid, be devoted solely to the purposes for which, in Article I., it is declared that this Society is instituted.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, one Vice-President, a Physician, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, to consist of seven Members, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Victoria. Officers.

ARTICLE VI.

Stated Meetings of the Society for the transaction of business shall be held on the first Wednesday in each month, but the President may call Special Meetings at such times as he shall deem necessary. The Annual Meeting of the Society for the election of Officers shall be held on the first Wednesday in December in each year, and at such meeting the Annual Reports of the Officers of the Society shall be made. Meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

The Officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold office for Election
of
Officers.

one year, and until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VIII.

Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet for Business at the call of the President, and a majority of the Board may fill any vacancies which may occur in its own body. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-Officio Members of the Board, a majority of whom must be present in order to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX.

Duties of President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall determine the Order of Business in each. He shall strictly enforce the Provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and the Standing Rules of Order, and shall see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties. He shall sign all Resolutions, and Orders passed by the Board of Directors. He shall neither make nor second any motions or resolutions, nor take part in any debate, while in the Chair. He shall inspect and announce the result of all ballots, or other voting by the Society. The Vice-President, in the absence of the

President, shall exercise the same power and authority as the President.

ARTICLE X.

The Physician shall give gratuitously his Professional services to all whom the Board of Directors may deem to be proper subjects, and shall be exempt from Fees, Fines and Dues.

Duties

of

Physician.

ARTICLE XI.

The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, shall record its By-Laws and Ordinances, in a book to be kept solely for that purpose; shall preserve a register of the names of the members, and keep a correct account therewith, and shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys due the Society; he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the books and papers belonging to the Society, excepting those of the Treasurer. He shall certify all accounts and records, under the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer signed by the President. He shall make reports of his accounts at such times as may be required by the Society; shall report the name of each member in arrears to the Society,

Duties

of

Secretary.

immediately preceding the election of Officers; shall be exempt from all dues and from serving on Committees. He shall, whenever directed by the President, give the Members and Board of Directors proper notice of all meetings, and shall perform the duties of Corresponding Secretary. He shall be ex-officio Librarian, shall receive and preserve all Books, Maps, Pamphlets, Records, Magazines, &c., which may be purchased for, or donated, or loaned to the Society and be responsible for the same; and shall keep a record of the names of such donors. He shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by that Board.

ARTICLE XII.

Duties of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep a book in which he shall record all receipts and disbursements, and shall report the same annually, or at such periods as the Society may require. He shall pay no moneys without an order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. At the expiration of his Term of Office, he shall deliver all books, papers, moneys, vouchers, and other property belonging

to the Society in his possession, into the hands of his successor, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Librarian shall have full charge and control of the Rooms occupied by the Society, subject to the direction of the President and Board Directors, and shall for his services receive such remuneration as may be provided in the By-Laws.

Duties

of

Librarian.

ARTICLE XIV.

It shall be the duty of every member of the Society to use all laudable efforts to collect and procure such records, relics, minerals, curiosities, &c., connected with the early history of the Country, as may be useful and beneficial to this Association, and to gather any information that may be of interest to the Society, and forward the same to the Secretary at Victoria.

Duties

of

Members.

ARTICLE XV.

Members guilty of misconduct may, upon conviction (after a proper investigation) be expelled, suspended, fined, or reprimanded by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting,

provided there be not less than Twenty Members present; and any Officer of the Society may be removed from his office by the Board of Directors, for such cause as, in its opinion may be deemed sufficient, provided that such proceedings shall have no effect until it is confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all the members (there being not less than one-third of all members on the roll) present at as tated meeting.

ARTICLE XVI.

Amend- This Constitution shall not be altered
ments to or amended unless by a vote of two-thirds
Constitu- of the members present at a stated meet-
tion. ing, at which time there shall not be less
than one-third of all the members on the
roll present, and all such alterations and
amendments shall be proposed at some
meeting at least one month prior to such
stated meeting, and shall be posted in a
conspicuous place in the Reading Room,
at least fifteen days prior thereto.

Adopted April 17th, 1874.

WM. P. SAYWARD,
PRESIDENT.

EDGAR FAWCETT,
HON. SECRETARY.

**LIST OF OFFICERS
AND CHARTER MEMBERS**

OF THE

British Columbia Pioneer Society,

ORGANIZED APRIL 28TH, 1871.

JOHN DICKSON, PRESIDENT.

DIRECTORS:

JULES RUEFF, VICE-PRESIDENT,

EDGAR FAWCETT, SECRETARY,

E. GRANCINI, TREASURER,

WM. P. SAYWARD, ALEX. YOUNG,

H. E. WILBY, S. DRIARD.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS:

Thomas Harris,
R. J. McDonell,
Robert H. Austen,
Alexander Young,
William P. Sayward,
Patrick McTiernan,
William Gardner,
Henry E. Wilby,
Jules Rueff,
E. Grancini,
Andrew C. Elliott,
Honore Passerard,

Robert Ridley,
Edgar Fawcett,
Felix Leslouis,
S. Driard,
James Wilcox,
Wm. Spence,
John Dickson,
James Lowe,
Francis Campbell,
Thos. Lett Stahlschmidt,
Robert Burnaby,
J. B. Timmerman.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS ON THE ROLL, APRIL, 1874.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—WM. P. SAYWARD,
VICE-PRESIDENT—GEORGE T. SEYMOUR,
SECRETARY—EDGAR FAWCETT,
TREASURER—E. GRANCINI.

DIRECTORS:

R. Lewis,	John Kriemler,
F. G. Richards,	H. Passerard.

MEMBERS:

William P. Sayward,	Francois Grelly,
Jules Rueff,	Francis G. Richards,
E. Grancini,	Peter McQuade,
Andrew C. Elliott,	Hon. Jos. W. Trutch,
Honore Passerard,	Sir James Douglas,
Robert Ridley,	Thomas Spence,
Edgar Fawcett,	Fred'k W. Green,
Felix Leslouis,	Edward Stephens,
James Wilcox,	John Herbert Turner,
John Dickson,	Charles Morton,
John Wall,	Jno. Stephens Sarre,
Andrew Astrico,	M. Munro,
Henry Child,	H. F. Heisterman,
Thomas Pamphlet,	Thomas N. Innes,
Jos. Moreas,	William Spring,
T. N. Hibben,	John Kriemler,
Pat'k Everett,	John Howard,
John Dutnall,	George Richardson,
William Farron,	Edward A. Williams,
John A. Billing,	Peter Holmes,
T. Smith Allatt,	James Holness,
George T. Seymour,	George Stelly,
James Trimble,	Henry Saunders,
Henry Kehoe,	Isadore Weill,
Richard Lewis,	John Howe Sullivan.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Each person, on admission as a member of this Society, shall pay into the Treasury the sum of Five (5) Dollars, and shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws with his name in full, together with his place of birth, residence, occupation, declaration of good health, and to the best of his belief the date of his arrival within the limits of British Columbia.

ARTICLE II.

Every applicant for membership shall be proposed by a member of the Society; who shall present to the Secretary his full name, place of residence, occupation, condition of health, and the date of his arrival in the country; all of which the Secretary shall record in a book of registry to be provided for that purpose, and he shall also post the name of such applicant conspicuously in the rooms, the entrance fee having been deposited. Three black balls shall reject a candidate.

ARTICLE III.

Any person who shall become a member fraudulently, by making a false entry of the time of his arrival within the limits of British Columbia, shall be expelled from the Society, and shall forfeit any amount he may have paid.

ARTICLE IV.

On the payment of Fifty (50) dollars by any member, he shall be released from all further payments of dues, and shall be considered a Life Member of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

Every member of this Society over the age of Twenty-one years, residing in the City of Victoria, shall pay into the Treasury Two (2) dollars quarterly in advance, and every such member residing elsewhere in British Columbia shall pay into the Treasury Six (6) dollars per annum in advance. Any member residing in the City of Victoria who shall neglect to pay such dues for Six (6) months, may be stricken from the roll of membership; but any person so stricken from the roll, upon the payment of all arrearages, may by that act be re-admitted by a vote of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

Any member who shall be in arrears for dues for more than Six (6) months, shall be ineligible to office, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, or to enjoy the privileges of this Society in any manner. But when the Board of Directors shall be satisfied that any worthy member of this Society is unable, for the time being, to pay the dues hereinbefore prescribed, it shall have power to remit such dues.

ARTICLE VII.

The President shall have power to grant leave of absence to any officer of the Society for a period not exceeding Two (2) months, and to appoint some suitable person to perform the duties of such officer during his absence, provided that any officer desiring leave of absence shall give the President at least one week's notice thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

Whenever it shall be notified to the Board of Directors that any officer of the Society residing in the city is absent therefrom, and has been absent for a longer period than Two (2) months, the Board may thereupon declare the office

vacant, and appoint some other person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IX.

Rules Each member, when speaking, shall address the Presiding Officer, and when called to order by him, shall immediately take his seat; but he may appeal from such order, and a majority of the members present may reverse it.

ARTICLE X.

of In debate, no member shall be personal in his remarks.

ARTICLE XI.

Debate. All motions, if required by the Chair, shall be made in writing, and read by the mover at his seat before offering.

ARTICLE XII.

Honorary Members. The Society may elect, as Honorary Members, such persons only as shall have rendered important services to the Society, or to the country; but no person shall be elected an Honorary Member who has not at some time resided in British Columbia.

ARTICLE XIII.

Bonds. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount and approve the bonds of the

Secretary and Treasurer, which bonds shall be placed in the possession of the President for safe keeping; and shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Board of Directors shall constitute the Auditing Committee, and shall examine all accounts against the Society; and no bill or account shall be paid by the Treasurer, unless the same shall have been endorsed, approved and signed by the Chairman of that Committee, nor until it shall have been signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XV.

In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Society, the Board of Directors shall call a meeting of the Society within thirty days thereafter, when a successor may be elected to fill the unexpired term of such officer.

ARTICLE XVI.

All real estate that may be acquired by the Society, and all moneys invested, shall be held in trust for the use of the Society, in the name of the President,

Secretary and Treasurer, and their successors in office, until such time as the Society may be incorporated.

ARTICLE XVII.

Decease of Members. The President, on the decease of any member in good standing, shall call a meeting of the Society to attend the funeral, and the Secretary shall notify the members thereof by a notice in the daily papers.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Quorum. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business other than altering the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIX.

Visiting Committee. On a member being reported sick or in need, the Chairman shall appoint a Visiting Committee, whose duty it shall be to report to the Board of Directors, who shall have power to tender assistance if needed.

ARTICLE XX.

Meetings. The monthly meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month, and at the hour of 8 o'clock, P.M., from the first of April to the 1st of October; and from the 1st of October to the 1st of April, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M.

ARTICLE XXI.

All members shall be entitled, after admission, to a certificate of membership, Member's authenticated by the seal of the Society, and signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XXII.

A fine of One dollar (\$1) shall be imposed on any officer for absence, if such officer cannot give a good excuse.

ARTICLE XXIII.

These By-Laws shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote at a regular monthly meeting at which there shall not be less than one-third of all the members of the Society present on the roll, after due notice of such amendment being given as is required to amend the Constitution.

Adopted April 17th, 1874.

WM. P. SAYWARD,
PRESIDENT.

EDGAR FAWCETT,
HON. SECRETARY.

ARTICLE XXI

All members shall be entitled after admission to a certificate of membership. Members authorized by the seal of the society and signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XXII

Any of the dues shall be paid on any day for absence, if such officer cannot give a good excuse.

ARTICLE XXIII

Those By-Laws shall be amended except by a two-thirds majority of the members. If there shall not be less than one-third of all the members of the Society present on the roll after due notice of such amendment being given, as is required by and the Constitution.



Adopted April 18th 1871

W. M. F. BARNARD

President

EDGAR LAWRENCE

Hon. Secretary

